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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

As someone who utilizes state owned public lands, all the forests in Oregon, for hiking, biking, paddling, and climbing, I strongly oppose this bill that would prioritize logging on Oregon state lands, and establish UNSUSTAINABLE harvest levels. Please vote no on HB 4105 and protect all of us that enjoy the many benefits provided by state public lands- from clean water, to biodiversity to wildfire resilience, to recreation and mental health- we must end this misguided view of forests as primarily a source of timber. Timber is important, but it does not belong at the top of the priority list when considering all the services and values that in-tact forests provide. Please vote no.